GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS BY PRIVATE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flights cancelled by the private operators during the last three years;

(b) whether there are any rules laid down for the cancellations of the flights;

(c) if so, whether these rules are being violated by the private operators; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check this malpractice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) The details of flights cancelled by Jet Airways and Sahara Airlines, during the last three years is as follows:-

Airline	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Jet Airways	1936	1032	2381
Sahara Airlines	740	1001	567

These cancelations were mainly due to bad weather conditions, technical snags, non-availability of aircraft, bandhs, airport closures, etc.

Jet Airways has informed that number of flights canncelled/combined during each year constitute only 2.5% of the total number of flights scheduled to be operated by them.

Sahara Airlines has informed that number of flights cancelled were 6.91%, 7.04% and 3.98% of the total number of flights scheduled to be operated by them during the year 1999-99, 2000-01 and 2001 and 2002 respectively.

(b),(c) and (d): As per the Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Govt. of India, all operators are required to deploy in Category IIat least 10% of the capacity deployed by them on routes in Category I and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category II routes, at least 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep. The operator is also required to deploy in Category III, at least 50% of the capacity deployed on routes in Category I. All the operators are following the above order. Compliance of the Order is being strictly monitored by DGCA regularly. Whenever there is any cancellation/shortfall in operation of Category II, IIA and III routes, appropriate action is initiated.